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FOR SCICOUNS

1. JOINT COMMISSION AT ITS THIRD MEETING ENDORSED
COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO ACADEMIES TO INCLUDE "JOINT WORK"
ON TWO PYSICS TOPICS: SOLID STATE THEORY AND THEORETICAL
RELATIVISTIC ASTROPHYSICS. HANDLER JAN. 15 LETTER
INFORMED KELDYSH THAT NAS GOVERNING BODY HAD FORMALLY
APPROVED NAS SPONSORSHIP, JOINTLY WITH SOVIET ACADEMY, OF
THIS PROJECT AND PROPOSED THAT JOINT STUDY GROUP ON SOLID
STATETHEORY MEET IN ASPEN JUNE 15 TO OCT. 1 WHILE
ASTROPHYSICS GROUP WOULD MEET FOR ONE TO TWO MONTHS DURING
THIS PERIOD IN USSR. KELDYSH MAR. 13 REPLY NOTED THAT
FIVE US-USSR SYMPOSIA ON SOLID STATE PHYSICS HAVE TAKEN
PLACE TO DATE, SOVIET SCIENTISTS VIEW THIS FORM OF
COOPERATION FAVORABLY, SOVIET SIDE PROPOSES PHYSICISTS
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FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TAKE PART IN FUTURE SYMPOSIA,

PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS COULD BE EXAMINED AT THESE SYMPOSIA, AND FORMATION OF SPECIAL WORKING GROUPS WOULD BE UNADVISABLE.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER TO KIRILLIN FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM STEVER, WITH COPY FOR KELDYSH:

DR. HANDLER HAS INFORMED ME OF THE SUGGESTION IN ACADEMICIAN KELDYSH'S MARCH 13 LETTER THAT SYMPOSIA RATHER THAN WORKING GROUPS BE USED AS THE FORM OF COOPERATION TO EXAMINE QUESTIONS OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS. I RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF SYMPOSIA BUT BELIEVE WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT WHERE WE CAN WORK MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER. AT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION WE ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF "JOINT WORK" ON TWO PHYSICS TOPICS. I HOPE WE CAN PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO SET UP JOINT STUDY TEAMS TO CONDUCT THIS JOINT RESEARCH. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER.

DR. HAMMOND, FOREIGN SECRETARY OF US NAS WILL BE IN MOSCOW FOR THE APRIL 7-9 TALKS WITH THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER. KISSINGER

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